

(1) The term "absent overseas uniformed services voter" has the meaning given that term in section 103A(d) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, as added by subsection (a).

(2) The term "Presidential designee" means the official designated under section 101(a) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff(a)).

(3) The term "congressional defense committees" means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REFUSAL TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FAILURE TO MEET NON-ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.

(a) VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS.—

(1) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FAILURE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FAILURE TO MEET NON-ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.—A State shall accept and process any otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee ballot application (including the official post card form prescribed under section 101) submitted in any manner by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter that contains the information required on the official post card form prescribed under section 101 (other than information which the Presidential designee, in consultation with the Election Assistance Commission and the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors under section 214 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), determines, under regulations promulgated by the Presidential designee, is not clearly necessary to prevent fraud in the conduct of elections)."

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (e) of section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, as added by this subsection, shall apply with respect to each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held on or after November 1, 2010.

(b) FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT.—(1) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT BALLOT FOR FAILURE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 103 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-2) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

"(f) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT BALLOT FOR FAILURE TO MEET NONESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.—A State shall accept and process any otherwise valid Federal write-in absentee ballot submitted in any manner by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter that contains the information required to be submitted with such ballot by the Presidential designee (other than information which the Presidential designee, in consultation with the Election Assistance Commission and the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors under section 214 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), determines, under regulations promulgated by the Presidential designee, is not clearly necessary to prevent fraud in the conduct of elections)."

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (f) of section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, as amended by

this subsection, shall apply with respect to each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held on or after November 1, 2010.

SA 5691. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1424, of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I in division A, add the following:

SEC. 137. EQUITY AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary establishes a program under this division, the Secretary shall use not less than \$350,000,000,000 of the purchase authority provided under section 101 for the purchase of nonvoting preferred stock meeting the criteria in subsection (b).

(b) ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The authority under this section may be exercised only with respect to financial institutions that—

(1) are deemed by the appropriate regulatory authorities to be adequately capitalized, in relation to their current balance sheets;

(2) raises such additional capital from private sources or from the Secretary under this Act as is determined sufficient by the appropriate regulatory authority for such financial institution; and

(3) is not deemed to be insolvent by the appropriate regulatory authority.

(c) EQUITY CRITERIA.—Nonvoting preferred stock authorized for purchase under this section shall—

(1) have a low-interest-rate coupon (not to exceed 5 percent), with warrants attached;

(2) provide that shareholders will have rights to invest on terms that are equivalent to those of the Secretary, and such rights shall be tradeable;

(3) set terms to give such rights a positive value; and

(4) give private investors preference over the Secretary in the allocation of the new issues.

(d) LIMITS.—Financial institutions recapitalized in accordance with this section shall be permitted to increase their leverage until such time as the economy recovers subject to limitations established by the Board when such conditions return to normal.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent that Jon Cary, a legislative fellow in my office, be allowed the privilege of the floor during debate on H.R. 7801.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that the following fellows, law clerks, and interns on the staff of the Finance Committee be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of the debate on economic stabilization, tax extenders, and energy: Bridget Mallon, Mary Baker, Sean Thomas, and Kelcy Poulson.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. I ask unanimous consent that a detailee to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Robert Lee, be granted the privileges of the floor for the remainder of this session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that Eric Reither, from Senator ENSIGN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 6063

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 105, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 105) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 6063.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 105) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 105

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 6063, an Act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

In section 601(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the bill, strike "Orbiter".

In section 611(d)(1) of the bill, strike "first President" and insert "President".

In section 611(e)(3) of the bill, strike "correctly" and insert "currently".

In section 611(e)(7) of the bill, strike "extention" and insert "extension".

In section 612 of the bill, strike "operations" and insert "operational".

In section 1119 of the bill, strike "The Report" and insert "The report".

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 903, S. 1703.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1703) to prevent and reduce trafficking in persons.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which